A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to postsecondary education funding; 3 amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising maximum annual 4 adjustments to out-of-state fees or tuition for graduate 5 programs at state universities; amending s. 1009.55, F.S.; 6 limiting eligibility for the Rosewood Family Scholarship 7 Program to direct descendants; deleting obsolete language; 8 amending ss. 1009.57, 1009.58, 1009.59, and 1009.60, and 9 1009.605, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the 10 Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program, the Critical Teacher Shortage Tuition Reimbursement 11 Program, the Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan 12 Forgiveness Program, and the Minority Teacher Education 13 Scholars Program; requiring that the amount of awards 14 15 under such programs be prorated based on available 16 appropriations and not exceed specified amounts; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.; requiring the Florida Fund for Minority 17 Teachers, Inc., to submit a report on scholarship 18 19 recipients and remit undistributed funds to the Department 20 of Education; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.; requiring 21 applicants under the First Generation Matching Grant 22 Program to meet specified eligibility requirements; 23 amending s. 1009.94, F.S.; providing reporting requirements for postsecondary institutions participating 24 in certain state student financial assistance programs; 25 26 amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Prepaid 27 College Board to provide advance payment contracts based on specific increments usable toward an associate or 28

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baccalaureate degree; providing definitions; providing for payments on behalf of qualified beneficiaries with contracts purchased prior to July 1, 2009; providing for increases in payments; providing an exemption from the payment of certain fees; requiring evaluation of the actuarial soundness of the Florida Prepaid College Trust Fund; creating s. 1011.521, F.S.; authorizing appropriations to private colleges and universities for specified uses; providing reporting requirements and restrictions on expenditures; repealing ss. 1009.76 and 1009.765, F.S., relating to Ethics in Business scholarships; amending s. 1009.40, F.S.; deleting a crossreference to conform; providing an exemption from requirements relating to revenue bonds and debt for the rental of space within a specified public health facility; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.--

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(c) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may establish tuition for graduate and professional programs, and out-of-state fees for all programs. The sum of tuition and out-of-state fees assessed to nonresident students must be sufficient to offset the full instructional cost of serving such

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students. However, adjustments to out-of-state fees or tuition for graduate programs and pursuant to this section may not exceed 10 percent in any year, and adjustments to out-of-state fees or tuition for professional programs may not exceed 15 percent in any year.

- Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 1009.55, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

 1009.55 Rosewood Family Scholarship Program.--
- (1) There is created a Rosewood Family Scholarship Program for minority persons with preference given to the direct descendants of the Rosewood families, not to exceed 25 scholarships per year. Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program shall be deposited in the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund.
- (2) The Rosewood Family Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Department of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for administering this program which shall at a minimum provide for the following:
- (c) The department shall rank eligible initial applicants for the purposes of awarding scholarships with preference being given to the direct descendants of the Rosewood families. The remaining applicants shall be ranked based on need as determined by the Department of Education.
- Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of section 1009.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 83 1009.57 Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan 84 Program.--

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- Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program shall be established the "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship which shall be offered to a top graduating senior from each public secondary school in the state. An additional number of "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship awards shall be offered annually to graduating seniors from private secondary schools in the state which are listed with the Department of Education and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or any other private statewide accrediting agency which makes public its standards, procedures, and member schools. The private secondary schools shall be in compliance with regulations of the Office for Civil Rights. The number of awards to private secondary school students shall be proportional to the number of awards available to public secondary school students and shall be calculated as the ratio of the number of private to public secondary school seniors in the state multiplied by the number of public secondary schools in the state.
- (b) The amount of the scholarship shall be prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed is \$1,500 per year. The scholarship and may be renewed for 1 year if the student earns a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and 12 credit hours per term and meets the eligibility requirements for renewal of the award.

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(b) An undergraduate forgivable loan may be awarded for 2 undergraduate years, not to exceed \$4,000 per year, or for a maximum of 3 years for programs requiring a fifth year of

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instruction to obtain initial teaching certification. The amount of the undergraduate forgivable loan shall be prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed \$4,000 per year.

- (c) A graduate forgivable loan may be awarded for 2 graduate years. The amount of the graduate forgivable loan shall be prorated based on available appropriations and may, not to exceed \$8,000 per year. In addition to meeting criteria specified in paragraph (a), a loan recipient at the graduate level shall:
- 1. Hold a bachelor's degree from any college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association as defined by State Board of Education rule.
- 2. Not already hold a teaching certificate resulting from an undergraduate degree in education in an area of critical teacher shortage as designated by the State Board of Education.
- 3. Not have received an undergraduate forgivable loan as provided for in paragraph (b).
- Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 1009.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1009.58 Critical teacher shortage tuition reimbursement program.--
- (3) Participants may receive tuition reimbursement payments for up to 9 semester hours, or the equivalent in quarter hours, per year. The amount of the reimbursement per semester hour shall be prorated based on available appropriations and may not, at a rate not to exceed \$78 per semester hour, up to a total of 36 semester hours. All tuition

reimbursements shall be contingent on passing an approved course with a minimum grade of 3.0 or its equivalent.

- Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 1009.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1009.59 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program.--
- (2) From the funds available, The Department of Education may make loan principal repayments, which shall be prorated based on available appropriations as follows:
- (a) Up to \$2,500 a year for up to 4 years on behalf of selected graduates of state-approved undergraduate postsecondary teacher preparation programs, persons certified to teach pursuant to any applicable teacher certification requirements, or selected teacher preparation graduates from any state participating in the Interstate Agreement on the Qualification of Educational Personnel.
- (b) Up to \$5,000 a year for up to 2 years on behalf of selected graduates of state-approved graduate postsecondary teacher preparation programs, persons with graduate degrees certified to teach pursuant to any applicable teacher certification requirements, or selected teacher preparation graduates from any state participating in the Interstate Agreement on the Qualification of Educational Personnel.
- (c) All repayments shall be contingent on continued proof of employment in the designated subject areas in this state and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan. The state shall not bear responsibility for the collection of any interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event that designated

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critical teacher shortage subject areas are changed by the State Board of Education, a teacher shall continue to be eligible for loan forgiveness as long as he or she continues to teach in the subject area for which the original loan repayment was made and otherwise meets all conditions of eligibility.

Section 6. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 1009.60, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.—There is created the minority teacher education scholars program, which is a collaborative performance—based scholarship program for African—American, Hispanic—American, Asian—American, and Native American students. The participants in the program include Florida's community colleges and its public and private universities that have teacher education programs.

- (1) The minority teacher education scholars program shall provide an annual scholarship in an amount that shall be prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed of \$4,000 for each approved minority teacher education scholar who is enrolled in one of Florida's public or private universities in the junior year and is admitted into a teacher education program.
- (3) The total amount appropriated annually for new scholarships in the program must be divided by \$4,000 and by the number of participating colleges and universities. Each participating institution has access to the same number of scholarships and may award all of them to eligible minority students. If a college or university does not award all of its

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scholarships by the date set by the program administration at the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., the remaining scholarships must be transferred to another institution that has eligible students. If the total amount appropriated for new scholarships is insufficient to award \$4,000 to each eligible student, the amount of the scholarship shall be prorated based on available appropriations.

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc. --

- (2) (a) The corporation shall submit an annual budget projection to the Department of Education to be included in the annual legislative budget request. The projection must be based on a 7-year plan that would be capable of awarding the following schedule of scholarships:
- 1.(a) In the initial year, 700 scholarships of \$4,000 each to scholars in the junior year of college.
- $\underline{2.(b)}$ In the second year, 350 scholarships to new scholars in their junior year and 700 renewal scholarships to the rising seniors.
- 3.(c) In each succeeding year, 350 scholarships to new scholars in the junior year and renewal scholarships to the 350 rising seniors.
- (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of Education, by the date established by the department, the eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each academic term and any other information requested by the department in accordance with s. 1009.94. Within 60 days after

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the end of each fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to th	e
department any appropriated funds that were not distributed fo	r
scholarships, less the 5 percent for administration, including	
administration of the required training program, authorized	
pursuant to subsection (3).	

- Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program. --
- (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this section, an applicant must:
- (e) Have <u>met the eligibility requirements in s. 1009.50</u>

 <u>for</u> demonstrated financial need <u>for the Florida Public Student</u>

 <u>Assistance Grant Program</u> by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Section 9. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 1009.94, 239 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 1009.94 Student financial assistance database.--
 - (2) For purposes of this section, financial assistance includes:
 - (a) For all students, any scholarship, grant, loan, fee waiver, tuition assistance payment, or other form of compensation provided from state or federal funds.
 - (b) For students attending public institutions, any scholarship, grant, loan, fee waiver, tuition assistance payment, or other form of compensation supported by institutional funds.
- 250 (c) Any financial assistance provided under s. 1009.50, s. 1009.50, s. 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.54, s.

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(3) The database must include records on any student receiving any form of financial assistance as described in subsection (2). Each institution Institutions participating in any state financial assistance program under paragraph (2)(c) shall annually report submit such information to the Department of Education, by the date and in a format prescribed by the department and consistent with the provisions of s. 1002.22, the eligible students to whom financial assistance is disbursed each academic term, the eligibility requirements for recipients, and the aggregate demographics of recipients.

Section 10. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (2) of section 1009.98, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

1009.98 Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program. --

(2) PREPAID COLLEGE PLANS. -- At a minimum, the board shall make advance payment contracts available for two independent plans to be known as the community college plan and the university plan. The board may also make advance payment contracts available for a dormitory residence plan. The board may restrict the number of participants in the community college plan, university plan, and dormitory residence plan, respectively. However, any person denied participation solely on the basis of such restriction shall be granted priority for participation during the succeeding year.

- (a)1. Through the community college plan, the advance payment contract <u>may shall</u> provide prepaid registration fees for a specified number of undergraduate semester credit hours not to exceed the average number of hours required for the conference of an associate degree. Qualified beneficiaries shall bear the cost of any laboratory fees associated with enrollment in specific courses. Each qualified beneficiary shall be classified as a resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. 1009.21, regardless of his or her actual legal residence.
- 2. Effective July 1, 1998, the board may provide advance payment contracts for additional fees delineated in s. 1009.23, not to exceed the average number of hours required for the conference of an associate degree, in conjunction with advance payment contracts for registration fees. Community college plan contracts purchased prior to July 1, 1998, shall be limited to the payment of registration fees as defined in s. 1009.97.
- 3. Effective July 1, 2009, the board may provide an advance payment contract for the community college plan covering prepaid registration fees and the additional fees delineated in s. 1009.23. Such a contract may be offered in specific increments usable toward an associate degree. The total number of hours purchased for a qualified beneficiary may not exceed the average number of hours required for the conference of an associate degree.
- (b)1. Through the university plan, the advance payment contract <u>may shall</u> provide prepaid registration fees for a specified number of undergraduate semester credit hours not to exceed the average number of hours required for the conference

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of a baccalaureate degree. Qualified beneficiaries shall bear the cost of any laboratory fees associated with enrollment in specific courses. Each qualified beneficiary shall be classified as a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21, regardless of his or her actual legal residence.

- 2. Effective July 1, 1998, the board may provide advance payment contracts for additional fees delineated in s. 1009.24(9)-(12), for a specified number of undergraduate semester credit hours not to exceed the average number of hours required for the conference of a baccalaureate degree, in conjunction with advance payment contracts for registration fees. Such contracts shall provide prepaid coverage for the sum of such fees, to a maximum of 45 percent of the cost of registration fees. University plan contracts purchased prior to July 1, 1998, shall be limited to the payment of registration fees as defined in s. 1009.97.
- 3. Effective July 1, 2007, the board may provide advance payment contracts for the tuition differential authorized in s. 1009.24(16) for a specified number of undergraduate semester credit hours, which may not exceed the average number of hours required for the conference of a baccalaureate degree, in conjunction with advance payment contracts for registration fees.
- 4. Effective July 1, 2009, the board may provide an advance payment contract for the university plan covering prepaid registration fees, the additional fees delineated in s. 1009.24(9)-(12), and the tuition differential authorized in s. 1009.24(16). Such a contract may be offered in specific

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increments usable toward a baccalaureate degree. The total number of hours purchased for a qualified beneficiary may not exceed the average number of hours required for the conference of a baccalaureate degree.

- under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) shall be based primarily on the current and projected registration fees within the Florida Community College System or the State University System, respectively, that are included in the plan, the number of credit hours or semesters included in the plan, and the number of years expected to elapse between the purchase of the plan on behalf of a qualified beneficiary and the exercise of the benefits provided in the plan by such beneficiary.
 - (10) PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES. --
 - (a) For the purposes of this subsection:
- 1. "Actuarial reserve" means the amount by which the expected value of the assets of the trust fund exceed the expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund.
- 2. "Fiscal year" means the state fiscal year pursuant to
 s. 215.01.
- 3. "Tuition differential " means the fee covered by an advance payment contract provided pursuant to subparagraph (2) (b) 3. The base rate for the tuition differential for fiscal year 2012-2013 is established at \$37.03 per credit hour. The base rate for the tuition differential in subsequent years is the amount paid by the board for the tuition differential for the preceding year adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (b) 2.
 - (b) Effective with the 2009-2010 academic year and each

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academic year thereafter and notwithstanding s. 1009.24, the amount paid by the board to any state university on behalf of a qualified beneficiary of an advance payment contract whose contract was purchased prior to July 1, 2009, shall be as follows:

- 1. As to registration fees, if the actuarial reserve is less than 5 percent of the expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 5.5 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 5 percent and 6 percent of the expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 6 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 6 percent and 7.5 percent of the expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 6.5 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is equal to or greater than 7.5 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 7 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in the preceding fiscal year.
- 2. As to the tuition differential, if the actuarial reserve is less than 5 percent of the expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 5.5 percent above the base rate for the tuition differential in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 5 percent and 6 percent of the expected value

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state universities 6 percent above the base rate for the tuition
differential in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial
reserve is between 6 percent and 7.5 percent of the expected
value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay
the state universities 6.5 percent above the base rate for the
tuition differential in the preceding fiscal year. If the
actuarial reserve is equal to or greater than 7.5 percent of the
expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board
shall pay the state universities 7 percent above the base rate
for the tuition differential in the preceding fiscal year.
Qualified beneficiaries of advance payment contracts purchased
prior to or on July 1, 2007, shall be exempt from paying the
tuition differential.

- (c) The board shall pay state universities the actual amount assessed in accordance with law for registration fees and the tuition differential for advance payment contracts purchased on or after July 1, 2009.
- (d) The board shall annually evaluate or cause to be evaluated the actuarial soundness of the trust fund.
- Section 11. Section 1011.521, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 1011.521 Appropriation to private colleges and universities.--
- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the

 Legislature may provide an annual appropriation to support

 Florida private colleges and universities. Such appropriations
 may be used to provide access to Florida residents seeking a

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419	postsecondary education, to fulfill the state's need for
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- (2) Each institution receiving an appropriation under this section shall submit a proposed expenditure plan to the Department of Education by the date and in the format established by the department.
- (3) By September 1 of each fiscal year, each institution receiving an appropriation under this section shall submit a report to the Department of Education detailing expenditures of the funds received under this section in the preceding fiscal year. Any funds used to provide financial assistance to students shall be reported to the department in accordance with s. 1009.94.
- (4) An institution may not expend any of the funds received under this section for the construction of any buildings.
- Section 12. <u>Sections 1009.76 and 1009.765, Florida</u>

 <u>Statutes, are repealed.</u>
- Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1009.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1009.40 General requirements for student eligibility for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants.--
- (1) (a) The general requirements for eligibility of students for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants consist of the following:
- 1. Achievement of the academic requirements of and acceptance at a state university or community college; a nursing

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diploma school approved by the Florida Board of Nursing; a Florida college, university, or community college which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education; any Florida institution the credits of which are acceptable for transfer to state universities; any career center; or any private career institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education.

- 2. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year preceding the award of aid or a tuition assistance grant for a program established pursuant to s. 1009.50, s. 1009.505, s. 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.54, s. 1009.56, s. 1009.57, s. 1009.60, s. 1009.62, s. 1009.63, s. 1009.68, s. 1009.72, s. 1009.73, s. 1009.76, s. 1009.77, s. 1009.89, or s. 1009.891. Residency in this state must be for purposes other than to obtain an education. Resident status for purposes of receiving state financial aid awards shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21.
- 3. Submission of certification attesting to the accuracy, completeness, and correctness of information provided to demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants. Falsification of such information shall result in the denial of any pending application and revocation of any award or grant currently held to the extent that no further payments shall be made. Additionally, students who knowingly make false statements in order to receive state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants commit a misdemeanor of the second degree

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subject to the provisions of s. 837.06 and shall be required to return all state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained.

Section 14. Notwithstanding s. 1010.62, Florida Statutes, revenue bonds may be secured by or made payable from lease payments from the Miami-Dade County Health Department of the Department of Health to Florida International University for rental of space within Florida International University's public health facility. The Legislature finds that such action is consistent with the mission of the university. The financial structure of any debt used to fund the public health facility must be in conformity with the debt management guidelines of the Board of Governors of the State University System and must be approved by the Board of Governors pursuant to s. 1010.62, Florida Statutes.

Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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